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SO four and severe is this Iron-Age we live in (being the last and worst of Times, the very Dregs and Bottom of the evil World) that it hath Formed and Afforded most wonderful Weapons of War, not only *Real* but also *Metaphorical* Weapons (which can really murder Men) All Iron and Case-hardned with steel and fire: These projecting Wits (beside the *Honorable Virtuosi*) have found out many Rare and Real Inventions and Engines for a more Expedition and shorter Method of Mankind's Destruction; yet the Metaphorical ones (undoubtedly first Forged and Framed by *Beelzebub*, that *Abaddon* and *Apollyon* the grand Destroyer of Mankind, *Rev.* 9. 11.) are the *Non-such* and not to be parallel'd: Among which the Tongue of a *Doeg* is none of the least: There is certainly a *Tongue-smiting* as well as an *Hand-smiting*, even *Mocking* (as putting out the Tongue, though no bitter words be uttered by it) is call'd by the Apostle plain, downright *Persecution*, *Gal.* 4. 29: How much more when Scoffing *Ismaels* dare Belch out most cutting and killing *Scandals* against their own (at least pretended) *Protestant Brethren*: Thus, this noble Earl was scofft at by his Brother Earl, who call'd him, *That Dog in a Doublet*: *David* often compares *Calumniationes Aulicas cum Armis castrensibus*, Court-Criminations with Weapons of war: and often complains of Some *Ardeliones Aulicos*, Court Incendiaries (such as *Doeg* and other Parafytical Sycophants) who incensed King *Saul* against him, as if he had been a private Traytor to the King, and a publick Pest to the Kingdom: yet, in due time, God did clear and declare *Dauids Innocency*, when *Saul*, by an over-ruling Providence, did Fall into his hands in his Hiding place in the Cave, even to the full Conviction of the King himself, *1 Sam.* 24. 10. 'Tis remarkable also, that *Dauids* frequent Complaint was not once about his adversaries smiting him with their hands but always about smiting him with their Tongues, tho they durst not be Hand-smiters for fear of the Law, yet they durst be Tongue-Smiters, giving (themselves) this Reason, *Our Tongues are our Own*, that is, We can Swear and lye, yea, and dress up never so bad matter in such good Words and quaint Phraises (as was once the Character given of a great man, for his starch'd Oration to the *Londoners* in the Behalf of *Richard* the III.) that we shall be sure to prevail against him, *Psal.* 12. 4. Thus the Chaldee Paraphrast paraphrasteth upon that Text, *Our Tongues are well hung*, and we can use them so well as if they were dipt in Oyl, and tipt in Gold, we have charming words at the Command of our Wills, and therefore we doubt not to perswade King *Saul* to any thing against *David* by our perswasive Rhetorick: And indeed *David* smarted so under the Virulency and Venom of their *standering Tongue*, That sometimes he calls them *sharp Razors*, sometimes *sharp swords* (Tucks or Rapiers) and sometimes *sharp Arrows*, taken out of their bulky Quiver, and shot at him out of their Malice-bended Bow: These Three are *sharp All*, and Deep-wounding Weapons All: (1.) Their Tongues were such sharp Razors, *ut excindant carnem cum crinibus*, that instead of shaving the Hair, did plainly flash the Flesh, & *Consulto aberrantes, fugulum petunt*, and designedly missing the Beard, did endeavour to cut the Throat. (2.) As *sharp Swords*, The Tongue in its form resembles a Sword, as being naturally, *thin, broad and long*, and when set on fire of Hell, it becomes a

flaming sword, and then it wounds deeply and dangerously: the Hebrew word signifies also a *Tuck* or *Rapier*, that may pierce so far in (farther than the Bodkins wherewith *Cæsar* was stab'd) as to let out the very Hearts-blood. (3.) As *sharp Arrows*, Feathered by the Father of *Lies*, as Prince of the Air, and pointed yea poisoned with *Hell-fire* for a quicker dispatch, and more certain Destruction: Such Arrows *leviter volant, non leniter volant*, fly lightly, yet wound deeply: Their virulent, venomous and devouring Words (*verba devoratoria*, as *David* calls them) are the sharp Arrows shot out of the bended Bow of implacable Malice against him: However, that holy man comforteth himself against all those Three Diabolical sharp Engines with this Cordial, That the Judge of all the Earth would pay them home in their own Coin, and give them *sharp for sharp*, Psalm 120, 3, 4. God will shoot his sharp Arrows, (far sharper than any of the *Devil's* shaping and shooting) with such a mighty Force against them, That they shall not be able to avoid or abide them: God loves to retaliate, to give them like for like by a *Lex Talionis*, and to fill them with the evil of their own ways.

Οἱ αὐτὸς καὶ τὸ χεῖρ αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τοῦ κακοῦ τὸ χεῖρ :

The Evil they have Devised against others, falls upon their own Heads at last, and God will broil all lying Lips and flandering Tongues upon the hot Coals of Juniper, (which being an unctious and fat kind of Wood, maketh the most scorching Fire, and the hottest Flame) and verily *pleasing* both himself and others in that Execution. Then, as *Dives* did once, shall they desire some Drops of Water to cool their Tongues. This shews how *David* had learnt a Trick of Antidotes beyond *Seneca's* reach, who (though one of the great Luminaries of the Heathen World) despairingly said, *Contra Sycophantarum morsum non est Remedium*, against the Slanders of Court-Parasites, (whose Tongues bite worse than their Teeth, and whose Bittings are worse than those of mad Dogs,) there is no Remedy: *Seneca's* Philosophy could (indeed) find none, but *David's* Divinity did, when there is no Remedy against this Mulady with Man, there is then some to be found in God; who will make such Sycophants eat fire, and drink Brimstone in due Season: and, who will pour his Cup of Indignation down their Throats which are now open Sepulchres that swallow up Men, and Names of Men, or Men of Names, even *Noble men, loyal States men*, and illustrious Peers of the Realm. 'Tis too obvious to every Ey, That we want not such silly Weasels who dare be nibbling at the Heels of Lyons, nor *slandrous Tongues* (those sharp Razors, Swords and Arrows) with whom *Scandalum Magnatum* is but a Peccadillo, None are named, but that good Rule is observ'd,

Parcere Nominibus, Dicere de Vitiis, Spare Persons, speak to Vices.

Such *Dogs* as goe about to blast our *David's* (that are blest ones) by a lying Tongue, whether in *Jest* or *Earnest*, shall be pluck'd out of their places, ruined and rooted up, Psal. 52. 5. They that lye in *Jest*, may go to Hell in *Earnest* without Repentance, and That *Lashon Tishbi*, or *Lingua tertia*, not Double-Tongu'd only, but Treble-tongued (for slaying three at once, the Tale-bearer, the Tale-hearer, and the person traduc'd by the Tale) shall be pull'd up by the Tongue-Roots, and hang'd up in Hell, (especially when it's a *vendible, mercenary, suborn'd Tongue*) there to be smoak'd and burn'd for ever.

'Tis the unhappy Fate of the Right Honorable the Earl of *Shaftsbury* to lay under the Reproaches of this *False Tongue*, and to be assaulted all at once with all these three *sharp Engines*, the *sharp Razor*, the *sharp Rapier*, and the *sharp Arrows*, that if *Comminus* will not, yet *Eminus* may do the Deed, what cannot be effected hand to hand, may be done at a Distance: yet is it his happy Priviledg not to be drawn through untrodden Paths, but to have little *David* (who was also good and great, having a good and great Soul in his little Body) going before him, and treading in the same dirty Paths under the same Name-defiling Dispensation: 'twas an happy Qualification of the Misery of *Lazarus* (whose Sores *Dives* despised, yet his Dogs suppl'd them) to have a None-such *Job* (fore-oppressed and almost suppressed with Sores as a President for him in the like Calamity.

Solamen miseris socios habuisse Doloris.

'Tis a Comfort to those in Misery, not only to have *present Companions*, but also former Patterns therein. One (who is in his right mind) would think, such hath been the *Deport* and *Comport* of this *Noble Peer* (both in his *private* and *publick* Capacities) that he had (plainly) starved the very Malice of his worst Adversaries, whose sharp Teeth could find nothing to bite upon, and yet their *sharp Tongues* (which bite worse than their sharpest Dog-Teeth) can make faults where they can find none: This is to do, as *Hannibal* did (when he was to pass over the *Alps*) saying *aut viam invenian aut faciam*, If I cannot find a way, I can make one, which accordingly he accomplished, by pouring in *Nitre* and *Vinegar*, whereby he dissolved the very Rocks of those Alpine Mountains; and surely such, and so *petulant* and *pestilent*, yea *penetrating* is the Compound of their *Nitre* and *Vinegar* (made up *secundum artem Diabolicam*, by the subtil Sycophants of our Times) as no Humane Rock, (save only the *Rock of Ages*) can stand undissolved before it, while those Parasites and Pick-thanks do, as *Momus* (their pattern and Patron) did, who when he could find no fault with fair *Venus's* person

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Person, yet blam'd her for her *Shoes-creaking*: The like mimical *Momus's* hath this Honourable Earl against him, upon whom it may be said well, what *Cleveland* said Wittily, upon the Lord Deputy of Ireland, Impeached,

*The Earl of Strafford, 'cause so high,
Like Grantham Steeple, seem'd awry.*

That the *Greatness* this little *Earl* did grow up to, together with his *goodness* (a sufficient ground of Emulation) hath been his only and most crying Crime, is designed by this Essay or Narrative of his *main Transactions*, to be fully Demonstrated: to omit (for brevity sake) the place of his *Birth*, and the posture of his *Breeding* (which were both truly Honourable) no sooner was he grown up [see *Ephebis*] from his *Scriplings Age* (wherein it may be said *Multa tulit fecitque puer*, and which he had not spent, as too many do, *aut nihil, aut aliud, aut male agendo*) it soon appeared That he had Observed his *Gods Rule*, as well as Learnt his *Grammar Rule*, such is the force of good Education, for *Defects* that grow up with us, are as hard to be mended after, as an Error in the first Concoction is to be corrected in the second. 'Tis like, he had learnt that piece of good Husbandry, which grave *Seneca* had taught his young *Lucilius* [*Juveni parandum, quod seni utendum est.*] Get while young, what thou maist use when old. This he did; and thereby betimes arose as a bright Star of Honour in this *Brit* so *Horizon*; had he not really been (as well as lookt upon) a man of *prodigious Parts* and of vast *Accomplishments*, he had never been called so early into so great Capacities, which King *Charles* the I. confer'd upon him, &c. I shall not say of him, what was said of our Saviour, *That at 30 years old, he had overcome the Wicked one*, or that at those Years he had attained to *David's* first Rank of Worthies, in so saying, my Pen would seem to favour of Parasitical Ink, but it may be said without Flattery, that he may be ranked among his *Thirty*, especially for Counsel and Conduct, in State-Affairs, and 'tis upon this Hinge, that the *Arcana Imperij* hangeth, upon this principal Pin do they turn; hence 'twas said of Old, *Romani Sedendo Vincunt*, their Wise Senators Conquer'd more effectually than their strongest Warriors, for *Wisdom* prevaileth where strength cannot: upon this account this Honourable Earl, had an early Eye of Respect and Reverence cast upon him, and (for the sake of his *Head*, not *Hands*, which he never employed but for his King,) was courted into a compliance, even in the times of Usurpation: To trace him [*Kakodidus*] step by step, through the whole tenor of his Publick Life, would make this Work too voluminous; I shall only mention such Instances, as had the most signal and singular remarks upon them, as I find them orderly upon Record, in that impartial History of Sir *Richard Bakers Chronicle*.

As (1.) The Black-mouth'd Blasphemers of this Lords Name and Fame hath endeavoured to blacken his Honour, by aspersing him for being one of the (then called) *Committee of Safety*, which is the Notorious Scandal of a Slanderous Tongue, as is manifest by *Bakers Chronology*, pag. 662. where his Name is not inserted, amongst all the other names of that Committee; and indeed this false Aspersion (may seem in some respects) rather to put an Honour than a Dishonour upon him; for suppose it true, it plainly intimates, that those men (who sat at the upper end of the World at that time) did not look upon him as a Fool, but as one of great Abilities and Wisdom, and so fit to have the safety of themselves, and of all their Conquests committed to his care.

(2.) Yet the *Chronology* aforesaid, names him as one of the Council of State (upon the account of his Accomplishments aforesaid) whom the *Chronologer* calls men of Integrity, and well affected to Kingly-Government, whereof *General Monk* stands first in the Catalogue, as the Head of that Council, which was constituted after the Secluded Members were introduced into the Parliament House, and restored to their Seats and Votes therein again. pag. 690. &c.

(3.) The falsest of his Adversaries cannot find his Name fixed in the Roll of *Richards* Privy Council. pag. 629. He was (indeed) one of the nine of the old Council of State, who wrote to *General Monk* an encouraging Letter to promote his undertaking, for the advantage of the three Nations, &c. pag. 673. And though he be nominated in the List of that Council of State, (consisting of thirty one) upon whom was endeavoured to be imposed an Oath, for abjuring the Kings Family, yet he and *General Monk* did influence Colonel *Morley*, to oppose that Oath, pag. 677. and the sorer part of that Council (whereof he was one) did argue against that Oath, as being a Snare and Fetter to their Consciences, which put an end both to the Oath, and to that Council, pag. 678.

(4.) *Commissary Clarges* Treats with the Council of State (before this) Member by Member, (among which he was one) to abet *General Monks* design against Colonel *Lambert*, pag. 670. and the same *Commissary Clarges* did Address himself particularly to this Honourable Person (singling him out from among all the 31. (whereof the Council consisted) to inform him of a dangerous Design, that had a tendency to disturb the whole Nation, and desired him personally to communicate this Discovery from the Commissary to the Council, pag. 693. and 'tis well known how hereupon this same Council of State complied with *General Monk*, in that great Revolution of Restoring his Majesty.

See also proofs for all these Honours and Offices, in *Englands Triumph*, pag. 65. 74. 95. and 111.

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(5.) And when that Wonderful Tide was about to Turn, this *Honourable Person* must then be accounted worthy to sit at the Helm, for hastning it, being honoured to be one of the seven *Commissioners* for managing the Affairs of the Army, at that juncture of time, pag. 676. All which (and many more that might be added) are clear Demonstrations, not only of his own profound Parts and Prudence (which did qualify and capacitate him, for such Places and Employs of mighty Trust and Importance) but also of his highest Loyalty to his Majesty, and honest Zeal for his Service, even such as scarce a Paralel thereof can be produced out of all the Kingdoms in this our Age; but, suppose the worst, why should not he (as well as *General Monk*) have a candid Construction put upon all their former Actings?

(6.) This Royal Favour was vouchsafed to him by his Majesty himself, immediately upon his *Restoration*, who had such serene Sentiments, of all this *Honourable persons* former Actings (during the interspace of the *Interregnum*) that he was immediately constituted one of the Lords of his Majesties Privy-Council, pag. 713. where he (like a Star of the first Magnitude) stands advanced above the Duke of *Gloucester* (his Majesties natural Brother) and above the *Lord General Monk* (whom his Majesty was pleased to call his *Political Father*) in that first List of the Kings Privy-Council, as soon as his Majesty was safely arrived: and another mark of Honour was soon added to this *Honourable Person*, in his being created *Baron Ashby of Wimbourne St. Giles*, pag. 737. about three days before the Kings Coronation, in the Banqueting House, and he had other Additions of Honour put upon him; as, *Lord Cowper of Pawlet*, &c. and at last was Advanced to be the *Earl of Shaftsbury*.

(7.) I omit many other signal marks of Honour, which his *Royal Majesty* was pleased to confer upon him, as a person who he judged, did Merit them all; I shall mention only one more (though the Chronoleger, no Phanatick, nor any partial favourer of them do mention many) to wit, when the Grand Commission of *Oyer and Terminer* was issued out, and directed to many Noble Persons, to make them a Court, for the Tryal of the *Regicides*, it pleased his Majesty to constitute this *Honourable person*, among the rest, as one of that Court, pag. 731. And, sure I am, none of all those honours aforesaid (and many more not mentioned) could ever have been conferred upon him, had not the King then conceived him to be a most *Eminently Loyal*, as well as a most *Excellently Accomplished Statesman*.

I now make my Appeal to any rational unbiass'd and unprejudic'd judgment, whether those seven *Remarks* afore-mentioned, doth not deserve a better *Sabatism* or *Rest*, than that which this *Honourable Lord* now lyeth under, and whether there can be produced any *Nobleman* or *Gentleman* within all the Kings Dominions, to whose Influence and Conduct his Majesty doth more owe his own peaceable and happy *Restoration*, than to this prudent and loyal Lord, who managed his Majesties Affairs (in his Majesties absence) in such a successful scene of Administration, for many years together, while others wanted, either so much *Courage*, or *Prudence*, or *Loyalty*, as to render them useful to his Majesties Interest; besides, the many years Experience his Majesty had, of this Lords *Loyalty*, *Fidelity* and *Ability* (whereby his Throne, after his return to it, became more and more Established) did so incorporate him into his Princes Heart, as he became the Kings Darling and grand Favorite, yea in a little time so profound and prosperous was his Counsel at the *Council Table*, as it may be said of him, what was said of *Polibius*, that (as *Scipio*, so) the King scarce ever miscarried, in any Enterprize which was carried on by his Counsel; insomuch that he became at length to be the Royal Oracle, and what was said of *Achitophel* (that bad man, yet of a deep reach) may better be said of this better Gentleman [*That his Counsel was as if a Man had enquired at the Oracle of God*] 2. Sam. 16. 23. 'twas lookt upon as *Infalible Counsel*, because the Event did commonly answer it with a suitable Success. In fine, he was so much applauded and approved, for his prudence and prospect in State-Affairs, as to take possession of one of the highest Rooms in his Princes Breast, so that he made him his *Chancellor* of the *Exchequer*, and then *Lord High Chancellor of England*, &c. Wherein his Princes Conscience was (as it were) committed to the care of this *Honourable Earl*.

Now, when this Great little Gentleman had so deservedly, (and by his intrinsic Worth) attained to so high a pitch of Honour, it was high time for the envious one (the *Devil*) to erect his Engines, and set his battering Rams at work to blast this high Favourites Reputation, and to batter him down from his high Pinacle of Humane Preferment, all which endeavors would certainly have proved Abortive against this Noble Peer, (who is *Homo quadratus*, and therefore firm and unmoveable) were there not an innate tendency to a Change, both in *Nature* and *Providence*, touching all created Beings, none but the Creator himself can say [*I am that I am*] Exod. 3. 14. This is peculiar to God, but *Man* is carried in *Time's* Chariot, which is drawn by two *Restless Steeds*, to wit, *Motion* and *Mutation*, that never stay in one stage or point, but are continually posting sometimes up the Hill, and sometimes down to the Valley, never standing still till discharged of her Passengers by Death: *The Sun knoweth his going down*, Ps. 104. 19. but so does not any of the *Sons of Men*, this is a Divine Arcanum, appertaining to Gods Sovereignty over *Humane Affairs*, who oft orders the brightest days to be darkned with dismal Clouds. All the World rings Changes, and is constant in nothing, save in the harangue of those two *Steeds* aforesaid, *Motion* and *Mutation*, *O quantum est in Rebus Inane*: There

There is no *Constancy*, but in *Inconstancy* and *Disappointments*, every Creature faith, *'Tis not in me*, Job 28. 14. Men are made *Fortuna Ludibria*, like Tennis-Balls, tossed up and down by *Fortunes* or rather *Providences* Racket.

Quo Fata trahunt, Retrahuntque sequamur.

There is a kind of *Ebriety* in sublunary things, that makes them so unstable and pendulous, as to reel and stagger to and fro, and sometimes from one extrem to another, so that even the *Grandeës* of the World are oft shaken out of *Palaces* into *Prisons*, as it is in the turning of the Wheel, those *Spokes* that have been lowest in the *Dirt* or *Dust* of the *Street*, do suddenly become the *Highest*, and those that were *Highest* do in a trice become lowest again. If we look into the *World*, *East*, *West*, &c. we see all in *motion*, and as much in *mutation* as *motion*, *There is no abiding* at one constant point, either for persons or things: *Man that is in Honour* [pal-Jalin] *non pernoctavit*, abideth not many nights. Ps. 49. 12. Nor doth this Fate befall *evil men* only, such as that upstart *Shebna*, *Ahas's* Treasurer (who thought himself a nail fastned in a sure place, yet was he tossed as a Ball; and turned as a Bowl, pluckt out of his Place, and turned out of his Station, and leaving all his *Chariots of Glory* (wherein he had haughtily hurried himself up and down) behind him; this *Lord High Treasurer* was at length wrapt up in the *Sheet of Shame*, instead of laying down in *Glory*, desining to be buried in that *Stately Mausoleum* or *Royal Sepulchre* in *Jerusalem*, Isa. 22. 16, 17, 18, 25. And the *Talmudists* tell us (though the Scripture doth dot) That this *Shebna* revolting to *Senacherib* (as some are suspected to do to the great *Lewis King of France*) was by him (when *Gods Angel* had destroyed his Army) carried to *Niwe*, and there tyed to an *Horses Tail*, and drawn through *Bryars* and *Brambles*, till he dyed. However the Scripture faith enough of him in the general, that *God* sent his Prophet to this (Hebr. *Sochem*) *Great Courtier* (that bare a Port, almost equal to the King himself) but an ill *Member*. *dedecus Domus Domini sui*, an intollerable *Disgrace* to his good Masters House (for good *Hozekiah* tolerated him for a time, because advanced by wicked (yet his Father) *Ahaz*. Go (saith *God* to *Isaiah*) *get thee unto this Treasurer*, ch. 22. 15. *for I must drive him from his Station*, v. 19. which is intimated to be done in part, when he was degraded from being so great a *Comptroier* at Court, as *Lord High Chancellor*, *Lord High Marshal*, or *Lord High Treasurer*, (the Hebrew word *Sochem* v. 15. importing all these three several significations) and came down to that far inferior place of being a *Scribe* or *Secretary*, for a while, until the direful *Doom* denounced against him (ver. 17. 18.) was undoubtedly much more accomplished upon him, and *Gods Servant* (a better man) *Eliakim* was clothed with his *Robe*, and invested with his *Honour*, v. 20. 21. 2. Kin. 18. 18. and Isa. 36. 3. Such as *Honour God*, shall surely be *Honoured*, and such as despise him, shall be lightly esteemed, 1. Sam. 2. 30. This is a bargain of *Gods own making*, and all men (*gentle* and *simple*) may without a doubting mind depend upon it.

And (2.) Such as *Haughty Haman* was, upon whom I might make more enlarged Remarks, shewing how he was raised up to be King *Ahasuerus's* Vice-Roy, set upon the very highest *Pinacle* of *Pride* and *Court Preferment*, and wanted nothing to compleat his greatest *Grandeur* of *Worldly Felicity*, save only the kneeling of one *Knee* of a poor *Captive Jew* (*Mordecai*) the want of which did not only give an *unfavorable verdure* to all his other sweet morsels, *Esth.* 5. 11. 13. but also brought himself to kneel upon his own *Knees*, to beg for his own *Life* before *Mordecai's* Niece. *Esth.* 7. 7. 8. and at last brought him to be Hanged upon those *Gallows*, of 50 *Cubits high*, which he had prepared for *Mordecai*. v. 9. 10. This was an higher preferment from the *Frown* of his Prince, than ever his *Favour* raised him up unto, much more may be added, were it not to avoid proximity.

And such strange *Fates* and *Falls* doth not only befall *evil men*, but sometimes good men also. *All things* (saith *Solomon*) *come alike to all*, and no man can make a sound *Judgment* of *God's Love* or *Hatred* out of those Occurrences, *Eccles.* 9. 1, 2. Time and Chance hapneth to them all, ver. 11. The warm Sun of *Prosperity* shines as well upon the *Brambles* of the *Wilderness*, as upon the *Fruit-Trees* of the *Orchard*, and sharp showers of the *Hail* and *Rain* of *Adversity* falls as foul and fiercely upon the most delightful *Gardens*, as upon the *Wide*, *wild*, *wast*, or *barren Mountains*. Wicked *Ahab* and godly *Josiah* had both the same end, concurring in the very same *Circumstances*, both dying in *Battel*: so did bad *Saul* and good *Jonathan*, though they were of differing *Dispositions* and *Departments*, yet in their *Deaths* they were not divided, 2 Sam. 1, 23. The Church of *Rome* therefore seemeth not to favour overmuch of *Solomon's* Sapience in borrowing her best marks from the plenty of *Markets*: but *Luther* told her, She was a false Church, *quia sine cruce Regnat*: *Health*, *Wealth*, *Honours*, &c. *God* scatters upon good and bad men promiscuously, and so doth *Evils* find the Good as well as the Evil, which yet hapneth not by *Chance* (that is, not by *Hap-hazard*, or *blind Fortune*) for, infinitely too weak is the *Axle-tree* of *Fortune* for the least *Motion* of the *World* to be turn'd upon it: As the exact and regular *Motion* of the *Sun* (giving *Heat* and *Light* to all the parts of the *World* and so orderly as to make *Night* and *Day*, *Summer* and *Winter*) can never (no not by any *fottish Soul*) be ascribed to *Chance* or *Fortune*, so the *Evil* of *Punishment* hapning alike to good men as well as bad, is ordered by the *Providence of God*: *Shall there be evil*

in the City, and the Lord hath not done it? *Amos 3. 6.* The Poet indeed saith, *Quisque sua Fortuna Faber*, as if the Mould of every mans Fortune or Worldly Condition were in his own hand, and the blind Buzzards (the Heathen) do ascribe all to Chance, *1 Sam. 6. 9.* The Devil still suggests to the Sons of men, That all their Crosses are but the common Events of Fate and Fortune. This he doth to darken the Glory of God's Providence, and therefore Taught the Gentiles to believe, That Fortune was a Goddess, representing her by a Lady sitting upon a Ball, as if the whole World were at her Command, Having with her a Razor, as if she could cut off any mans Happinefs at her Pleasure; also bearing in her right hand the Stern of a Ship, as if she could turn about all affairs at will, and in her left hand the *Cornu Copia* or horn of Plenty, as if the Abundance of all good things came from her. All this is no better than a bundle of Abominable Idolatry not to be named among Christians, but to be spet out of our Mouths (even the names of *Luck* and *Fortune*) with utmost Detestation: 'Tis not those Two that tumbleth and tosseth humane Affairs here below, but 'tis the Great GOD that sits at the Stern of the Ship, and governs all the Concerns of the World, in *Maximè Fortuitis* there is *minimum Fortuiti*, & *quæ Fortunâ fieri Videntur, Divino Fato, seu Providentiâ fiunt*. All things are ordered not by Chance but by Providence, seeing all pass through two *Golden* or *Brazen Mountains*, *Zech. 6. 1.* God's unchangeable Will and his irresistible Power, and whatever seems Casual or contingent to us, is ordained of God before time, and effected by him in time: All the Evil in a City is said to be done by God only, as 'tis *Bonum Justitia*, having a tendency to the glorifying of his Justice, he is a God of such pure Eyes, *Hab. 1. 13.* as he cannot look upon Iniquity but he must loath it, he cannot behold it, but he must punish it, no, not in his own dearest Servants, in whom he will pardon Sin, but not patronize it. He may forgive their Sin, yet take Vengeance of their Inventions, *Psal. 99. 8.* Nevertheless when Evil finds a bad man, it comes upon him in the nature of a Curse, but it comes to a good man in the Nature of a Cure. Hence even Good men may be heused in the same Prison-house with the Bad, but upon differing Ends. If an *Human* fall from the Palace to the Gallows, and from the Highest Stage of Honour, to the low-est Stair of Dishonour before the Seed of the Jews, his Fall is Final and Irrecoverable: yet an Holy *Job* (one that was a None-such for Piety) may fall from the Zenith of Prosperity, down to the very Dung-hill of Deepest Adversity by the hands of Satan, and his Slaves the *Sabeans*, &c. yet he riseth again and grows greater than ever before, *Job 1. 3, &c.* and *42. 10.* while God's Hedge of Protection did secure *Job's* Person and Estate round about, as that Satan could not come at him, he could not find one Gap in the Hedge, nor could he make any breach in it: He was the greatest man in the East, (some say, He was the first King of *Edam*) that's uncertain, He might be a private man, or a Magistrate, *Job 29. 7. 10. 14. 16, 17.* Yet exceeding Wealthy, so that there was, no end of his Riches: this the Devil stomach'd exceedingly, and could not endure the Prosperity of Gods Servant wherein God delighteth, *Psal. 35. 27.* and *147. 11.* Therefore he begs a Commission to touch his All, and to touch him to the quick, and thought every hour two, until he had prevailed: Then having all his Tools ready, he layes on a-main, lets fly his Hail-Shot, yea his Heil-shot, leaves him no Liberty to take his Breath 'twixt one sad Tidings and another, the Messengers of each did (as it were) tread upon one anothers Heels, so that *Job* must have no Leisure to recollect or recover himself; and that old Man-slayer so contriv'd it, That one only single Servant escaped, not out of any Mercy to the Master, but to do him the greater Mischiefe, that he might have the ill News of all certainly, suddenly, successively without any lucid Intervals, and the following ever worse than the foregoing, yea and the last the worst of all, craftily marshal'd so, to crush him quite: When he was become (as Satan hoped) well nigh spent and spirit less, and this last Blow of the Devil (after many other fore Batteries) at *Job*, beats him down to the Ground, *Job 1. 20.* yet neither cursing God (as Satan said he would do) nor did he so much as curse the *Chaldeans* or *Sabeans*, no nor the Devil that set those Engines at Work, but blessed the Name of the Lord, for Taking from him, as well as for giving to him, *ver. 21, 22.* In all this *Job* sinned not, nor charged God foolishly, no not when Satan sued out a new Commission to smite his Body (as he had done his Goods) with hot boiling Boils from Top to Toe (save only his Tongue untouched, *Chap. 19. 20.* that therewith he might blaspheme his God) and brought him down to sit upon the Dung or Dirt: *ἐν τῇ κομιᾷ; ἐν τῷ πύλῳ; upon the Dung-hill without the City*, saith the Septuagint) for want of a better Cushion, all covered over with one continued ulcerous Sore, and there scraping himself with a piece of a broken Pot (for want of a better Instrument, having neither Physicians (but those that were of no value) to counsel him, nor any Baths or Oyntments to comfort him: If these be the Devils Touches! God blefs every good man from them: Yet the worst Words Satan could wring from him were, *What? Shall we receive Good from the hand of the Lord, and not Evil?* *Job 2. 10.* Shall we not eat the Crust as well as the Crumb? and be content with God's sower as well as his sweet? shall we be all for Comforts, and nothing for Crosses? We must be at God's finding and Allowance, &c. This was his meek Reply to his angry Wife, whose Passions Satan had fired, and whose Tongue he had tuned against her husband, for which only end, he slew her not with his Children.) He sinned

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not still neither against God nor against his Wife, but calmly and constantly concludes with himself; *I will bear the Indignation of the Lord, seeing I have sinned against him, as Mica 7. 9. I will hold my Tongue, because thou Lord hast done it, as Psal. 39. 9. non ad Exitium, sed ad Exercitium.* 'tis done to trye me, not to destroy me. This God took so kindly at his hands, That he raised this Beggar (as poor as Job) from off the Dung-hill, and set him again among Princes: 1 Sam. 2. 8. he turn'd again Job's Captivity: and gave him twice as much (both of Goods and of Graces) as he had before, Job 42. 10. God took him out of the Devils Clutches, unto whom he had for a while delivered him (as a Child into a Slaves hand, for a Correction, Job 2. 6.) who had hitherto held him fast Prisoner, and pinching his flesh to make him blaspheme: never did any hungry Dog wait more for a bone, than the Devil waited to hear Job curse God to his Face, which when he saw would not be done, like a disappointed Dog, or defeated Devil, he went learing away: Thus God over-shot Satan in his own Bow, making Job come Richer out of the Devil's Temptations than when he went into them. *The Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning, Ch. 42. 12.* All his Sorrows and Sufferings were designed only to do him Good at his latter End, Deut. 8. 16. the beginning may be the Devils, but the End will be the Lords, Jam. 5. 11.

How far a Congruous Collation may be carried forth betwixt this Nor-such Job, and our Noble Peer, I shall not in all particular Circumstances here Determine: It may possibly be objected, If Job were a None-such, how can he have his Parallel: To which the Answer is easy, for though none were like him in the East, yet some may be like him in the North. This Comparison must not therefore be accounted ridiculous, because it cannot in omnibus quadrare, or have an happy Hit in ev'ry punctilio, non datur aliqua similitudo, que exactè currit quatuor pedibus, There is never a congruity, either in Civil or sacred History, which will not well enough admit of some Disparity without claudication; yet doth it not loose its lustre and beauty thereby: as in Sacred Writings there is no Type in the Law propounded for its likeness to the Anti-type, but it contains in it some unlikeness thereunto in some circumstantial Adjuncts; as appeareth at large in Moses unveiled, and in all other Parallels, both as to Persons and things; yet the Sweet Harmony between them is not hereby disturbed: so there's no Parable or Similitude in the Gospel wherewith that Palmoni Hamadabter, Da. 8. 13. or Prince of Preachers, the Lord Jesus abounded, which hath not still some Dissemblance, that serves only as a foil to set off the Comeliness of the Comparison in the main Scope and substance of it: Among civil Authors, None was ever found more Famous for Parallels than Plutarch who, comparing his Græcian Worthies with the Roman, is oft put hard to it to make an happy Hit in all particulars, let it not therefore be judged incongruous and unworthy to compare this worthy Peer and Patriot, one of our English Worthies, with such a None-such Hebrew Worthy as Job was: for though this cannot without Vanity be affirmed, That our Noble Lord hath compleatly com'd up to the Excellency of Job, Gods Worthy of the first Rate, both as he had his Letters Commendatory sent him from Heaven, and one whom his Lord boasted of to Satan, saying, *Hast thou considered my servant Job, a perfect man, and so is left upon everlasting Record as an unblemish'd Patern of Piety and Patience for the good of Posterity both Jews and Gentiles.* This unparallel'd Parallel is not at all propos'd in this Essay. It must be ingenuously acknowledged, That great is the Discord or Discrepancy, yet there is so much Concord, as together with the Discord, as 'tis in Musick, makes admirable Harmony, as the Sequel may manifest.

There be Three Grand Remarques which Job is Renowned for in Scripture Record: The first is his Prosperity: The Second, is his Adversity: and, The Third is his Restitution to his Prosperity again, yea to a far greater than ever. Now our Noble Peer runs in Paralel lines all-a-long with him in the first and in the Second: and one may without the Spirit of Prophecy almost prognosticate, That in due time he may come to run parallel with Job in the Third also: and this will be an happy Hit indeed, not only for himself, but for the three Nations likewise.

As Job's Prosperity was at first Prodigious, having Large Possessions, a Vast Revenue, and a numerous Retinue, so that he was indeed, as well as reputed the Richest man in the East, Job. 1. 3. Nor was this all his Prosperity, as he was a private Man only, but it was great as he was a Publick person also: wherein he had 1. Honour, 2. Beauty, 3. Security, and 4. Integrity, both in doing Good, and in eschewing Evil. All which he Voluntarily undertakes to give a distinct Account of in his Second Oration, when his three Friends were put to Silence, in Chapters 29, 30, 31. Wherein he doth bemoan himself in respect of his former Prosperity, breaking out into a Pathetical optative Exclamation, *Oh, that it were with me as in months past, &c.* Chap. 29. 2, 3, 4, 5, &c. Where he powrs forth a Golden Flood of Grave Eloquence, vastly transcending all the Elegancies in either Demosthenes or Cicero, and in ver. 7. he intimates how he had been a Judg or chief Magistrate, and sitting in the Seat of Judicature doing Justice in his own Person, not priding him-

self in his *Judgment Seat*, but profiting others, whilst *Tsedek*, *Tsedek*, Justice, Justice (as *Moses* phraseth it, Deut. 16. 20.) all manner of Justice, and nothing else but Justice was duely and truly administred by him with an equal hand to Gentle and simple, 'twas pure Justice, the streams whereof ran down without any Mudd of either Selfish Affections or Respect of Persons, and, That Distich found at *Zant*, might well have been writ upon *Job's Tribunal*,

*Hic locus edit, amat, punit, conservat, honorat,
Nequitiam, pacem, crimina, Jura, Bonos.*

Then the young and the old paid their due Homage of Respect and Reverence to him, v. 8. yea Princes did not only *Acknowledge* his *Authority*, but *Admired* his *Elegancy* and *Equanimity*, being ashamed to speak in the presence of him, whom they knew so far exceeded them both in *Wisdom* and *Elocution*, v. 9. no, none of the Nobles did dare to speak before such a *Master of Speech* as *Job* was, v. 10. in a word, none of either the *High* or the *Low*, could ever see him (with their Eyes) without *Reverence* to him, nor ever hear him (with their Ears) without *Astonishment* at him, v. 11. and the Reason of all this Respect was, because he was a good *Justicer*, righting the Fatherless and Friendless (sighted by others, who drove the Trade of Administring Justice with Bribes) from whom he could not expect any Reward, and causing [the Widows Heart to sing for Joy] by giving her a ready Relief against her Oppressors, and this out of Conscience of his own *Duty*, and not from the Widows *Importunity*, as did the unjust Judge, Luke 18. 5. *Job* put on Righteousness, as a Robe or Diadem: Some Judges have nothing more to commend them than their *Robes*, which are oft lined with *Rapine* and *Robbery*, so were not *Jobs*. who desired more to be loved than honoured, whom not Ambition, Popularity, or Self-Interest, but pure love to Justice and Judgment, did put him upon such equal Practices and Proceedings without any partiality or tilting the Balance on one side, or on the other (as the Word *ἡ ἀμετρονία*, 1. Tim. 5. 21. signifies) carrying matters with an even hand, betwixt party and party, without siding, writhing or warping, but impartially and equally retaining the Gravity of the Law, which is well called an *Eye without Wandring*, a mind without Passion, an Heart without inordinate Affection, and a true Treasury, which keepeth for every man that which he hath, and distributeth to every man that which he ought to have] hence is its Greek name *νομοδότης*, distributor, quia Lex suum cuique distribuit, all these his just judgments which he passed upon the Bench, he excellently expresseth by an induction or a large heap of most *Elegant Allegories*, ch. 29. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. upon which ground he promised to himself a long and prosperous Life, v. 18. even all *Health* and *Happiness* (as *David* did after him, saying in his Prosperity, *I shall never be moved*, Ps. 30. 6.) therefore when he came not only to be moved but removed from his former Grandeur, he then laments the loss of that *Splendor* and *Glory* (set forth by a company of comely Metaphors, v. 18. 19. 20.) where his *Oratory* was so charming and flexanimous, that his Auditors Ears seemed to be chained to his Tongue, and his Counsel was received by them as an Oracle from Heaven, with all due submission and full satisfaction, when his person was so grateful to them while he sat as *Chief*, and as a *King* among them, that they took it as a great Honour that he would grace them with a Smile. v. 21. But now (saith he) all my Honour is turned into Contempt (as being scorned now by base born fools and fordid souls) chap. 30. 1. to 15, My Beauty is deformed by my Boils, and my former security is now turned into Terror. v. 19. &c. Yet was he able to make a solemn Protestation of his own Integrity in all his former Actings, in a searching self-Tryal, ch. 31. all through.

So this Right Honourable Peer (a kind of *Jobs* second Edition) hath (by his own obliging Merit) been advanced to great Honours, as first to be one of his Majesties Privy Council (as before) then to be *Chancellor* of the *Exchequer*, and then to be *Lord High Chancellor of England*, wherein he was clothed with such a convincing uprightness (that as he attained unto all those high Offices by his real Worth, so he managed them with most equal Justice, yea while he stood clothed with the highest Authority, that a Subject is well capable of under his Majesty, none of his envious observers (who watched for his halting, upon that high and slippery place) could find any just matter of Accusation against him: Nor was Righteousness his only Robe that he shone with, but he was decked also with Prudence, Temperance, and a charming Eloquence, with such courteous Affability to the people, as universally to oblige their Respects, and with such sublime Loyalty to his Prince, as his Majesty hath sometimes been pleased to give him (in concurrence with *General Monk*) the honour of his own happy Restoration; yea, in success of time (as I have heard it Discoursed) so high did he ascend in the Kings Royal and Regular Estimation, that his Majesty (upon an occasional hearing of this Lords sublime sagacity, in discussing publicly some profound Points) did, as in a Rapture of Admiration say, That his Chancellor was well able to vye (if not out-vye) all his Bishops in point of Divinity, and all his Judges in point of Law, and as for a States-man, the whole World, in Foreign Negotiations, will be an evident Witness. And indeed that Specimen of stating the grand Case, about my Lord

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Rosses Divorce, was a kind of plain Comment upon the aforesaid Royal Character: nor did he want other Vertues, the right accomplishments of true Nobility, as the Character of a Loyal States men, more fully expresseth in Poetry.

Now was it high time for the *Envious one* to prepare his Engines, and to shoot his Arrows, as at a white and fair mark in a high place against him, and he wanted neither *Sabeans*, nor *Chaldeans*, or *Babylonians* wherewith to spoil his Grandeur, as he had done *Jobs*: High places are indeed of themselves oft-times uneasy, but (most-what) unsteady also: There is a certain period appointed by Providence, beyond which both Persons and Nations cannot pass; when the Sun cometh to its *Zenith*, or *Meridian-Point*, down it begins to go: 'tis the great Creator that sets Bounds to all his Creatures, saying, to them, *Thus far shall you go, and no farther*; yet in this Case we must say, That, not only the Hand of God, permitting it, but the hand of *Joab*, or Jesuit, yea, the hand of the Devil was in promoting it, Satan ever envies a good Mans standing in High Places on Earth, because he (himself) is fallen from the high place of Heaven.

Now to work Satan falls, to hew down this high tree, as he did *Job*: As God the Maker of the World, so the Devil, the Mock-God of this World, and the Imitating Ape of the true God, never leaves any of his Enterprises for want of Instruments, he hath his Tools of all Sorts to bring his Projects to pass: he hath his Legions amongst men as well as amongst Devils, *sic saepe loricatorum incendit Satan*, & *cataphractus*, he comes compleatly armed with a Coat of Mail, and Cap à pée, from Top to Toe himself, as *Luther* phraseth it: and he hath his Bands of *Chaldeans*, as he had against *Job*, or Troops of Babylonish Brats, which are all Marth'd and set in Battel-Array by himself their Captain-General and Chief Commander: and, Those his *Chaldeans* are set forth in the Scripture to be a *bitter and baity Nation*, terrible and dreadful, *fiercer than the Evening Wolves*, that are sharp set, after they have been kept Hunger-bitten and Hollow, without meat all the day long, *Hab. 1. 7, 8.* which are those vulturine Eagles, *Job 39. 30.* that do *glut glut blood*, as the Hebrew word *pegna legna Dan*, there soundeth and signifieth; as if the very word were framed from the very sound in Sucking; Those Blood-sucking Vultures of Babylon are at the Command of the Prince of the Air: They are his Murthering Pieces, his *Sanguisuga* or black hellish Horse-leeches, his Sheep-worrying Wolves, and indeed breathing Devils: Those Carriffs or *Chaldeans* must, at *Beelzebub's* Command fall on *Job's* great Camels, Those Diabolical Tools must be Damvably employed to cut down this tall Tree, whose Shadow had been a sweet Refreshment to many weary Client or Traveller in tedious Law-Suits, when this Honorable Earl came to be the Lord Chancellor:

As the Character of this Earl saith,

—His choice Sagacity
Strait solv'd the Knot that subtle Lawyers ty'd,
And through all Fogs discern'd the oppressed side:
Banish'd Delays: and so this Noble Peer
Became a Star of Honour in our Sphere,
A needful Atlas of our State, &c.

Hinc ille Lacrima, &c. Hence the unclean Spirit of Envy began to Rage against him, when the Glory of his Eminent Worth did Dazle the weak Eyes of worthless men. Hereupon Envy, that never keeps Holy-day, being a restless Spirit till it breed Rottenness in its own bones, as saith *Solomon*, sets Satan (and all his Tools) at Work, both his *Dull Axes* (i.e. the Popish Party) to encounter this Oak, and his sharp Razors (their Jesuites) that *Ultimum Diaboli Conamen*, to shave this Head, (which by a Wilful Mistake) were to cut his Throat. This Devil, and all these his cursed Engines, clubbing their Wicked wits together, cry'd to them, *Hew down the Tree, and cut off its Branches*, &c. As God did to his Angels concerning *Nebuchadnezzar*: only with this Difference; The Instruments of both GOD and Devil were indeed *eyenyeers*, *Watchers*, but they were not both *Holy ones*, *Dan. 4. 13, 14.* The latter are such *Wicked ones*, as have had Laws of Banishment made against them, Jews and Jesuites falling together under the same Fate, in most kingdoms of Europe; 'Twas the same *Malice* that stirr'd up Satan against *Job's* Prosperity, and *Nehemiah's* Advancement, whereupon, he stomaching them both, stirr'd up the *Sabeans* and *Chaldeans* against the former, and *Sanballat* with *Tobiah* against the latter, whose Spleen and Spite made them to look upon him with an evil Eye, only because there was a Man come to seek the welfare of his people, *Neh. 2. 10.* And any one (save he who puts on the Spectacles of prejudice) may most easily discern, that all the hard Measures this Honorable Earl hath met with, came out of the same Hellish Forge; 'twas the Envy of the Devil and his Vassals, against his Goodness as well as Greatness, that framed all the pestilent Engines, for the Popish party to Plot against his Person, the Jesuites (with their most Mercurial Wits) being the chiefest Engineers under their two Grand Masters, the Pope,

Pope, and the Devil. 'Tis obvious to every common Eye (whatever evil Members say otherwise) that 'tis nothing but the Zeal of this *Earl*, to have his Majesty Safe in his Person, Reign without a Corridor, Great in the Heart of his Subjects, and Formidable to Foreign Nations round about him; that hath created this *Peer* so many Enemies; as the Happiness of the King, the Weal of his People, the Security of Religion, the Safety of the Government, and the honour of *England* have. The Subtle Jesuits (that last blow of a daring Devil) observing how this *Great Little Lord*, stood in the way of their Damnable Designs, hath been Restless in their Actings for his Removal, and have left no Stone unturned to Accomplish it, though this be such a Truth as sufficiently Shines with its own *Self-Evidence*; yet for further and fuller Satisfaction to them, that yet cannot, or will not see; I shall give some clear Demonstrations of it. And begin with him in his *Arise*, and highest Altitude.

(1.) When he was *Lord High Chancellor of England*, and so had the chief Super Intendency of his Majesties Affairs; yet could he not then secure himself, with all his Grandeur, from Popish Attacks; for he not only Fancied, but upon unquestionable Evidence, found himself in Personal Danger, from the Popish Party, that he expected every Night, those Cut-Throats would come to Cut his Throat; and upon this Account, was he constrained to have a constant Guard, to keep Watch in his House, which is every mans Cattle, much more a Noble mans, to prevent his own Assassination.

(2.) This way of Force being hereby Disappointed, another *Popish Intrigue* was to fall upon him in a way of *Fraud*, hoping that the *Fox* might prove more prevalent then the *Lion*; hereupon they Accost him with proffers of greater Preferment (which could scarce be Practicable, he having already one of the Supreme Authority of a Subject) than yet he had; 'twas easy for them to promise more than they could perform, whereas their promises to him, were no better than those of the Devil (their Master) to Christ, meer Phantasms onely, however, though few of his Fellow-Subjects might possibly want Power, (as wanting both Self-denial, and Fidelity to their Trust) to Refuse such proffers; yet they found him of a nobler Temper than to truckle under them, and so to betray at once, both his King, and his Country: The Records of *England* may Register this Heroick Act to his Glory, and his Tempters Shame; and so retain it in Remembrance for all Posterity.

(3.) When this Design also was defeated, and they found him Impenetrable either by Force or Fraud, seeing their Craft could make no way for their Cruelty; they now take new measures, and resolve to Devest him of his present Honour, instead of their Tender to Invest him with greater; upon this the Chancellorship was taken from him, though few of his Predecessors, in that great Trust, ever Ascended to it upon more Merit, Employed it with more Impartiality, and Resign'd it with more Innocency and Honour.

(4.) And seeing a bare Degrading him from his Office, was too much below them alone, and too little to satisfy their Revengeful Malice; they take another Method, that he might not so much as Live and Remain, as a Testimony (above ground) against them: They accuse him of High-Treason; and a certain *Colonel* (in pursuance of this Project) was obliged to prosecute this Accusation, yet he could not Compas his *Conquest*; for though all Offices (which his Lordship had passed through) were most narrowly Inspected for finding Just matter of a Charge against him. Whereas (no Doubt) sudden Surprise, a want of true and thorough Information, and any falling short of a full understanding of some material Circumstance might have exposed the choicest Chancellour in the World to a mistake in Judgment. Yet when all those [*Kings Rascals*] Court-Flattering Crows, and Claw-backs, had mustered up all their worst Matters, and produced them: The Kings Learned Council in the Law; having seriously considered all the particulars and pretended Crimes; Unanimously declared, to their Everlasting Honour, That all which (with so malicious Industry) were extracted out of Court Rolls, and presented unto them for their Judgment; was not, no not (by way of Accumulation) a sufficient ground for this design'd Accusation.

(5.) Having miscarried in this Machine (Thereby) also, they devise new means, seeing they could not touch his Life, to blast his Repute: To accomplish this, some of both Clergy and Laity must Engage their Assistance; The former to bespatter him in their Pulpits; as if they had been Conjuring down the Devil: *Fit Lettuce* for such Lips, and far better work, as they it seems, Judged it, than to gain Souls from the Devil to Christ. The latter to defame him with their Pens, and amongst many other Mercenary Pamphleteers, *Needy Needham*, who was *omnium horarum Homo*, and whose Tongue and Pen had run Riot long, against two Kings; so could better Rant against a Subject, must be

be engaged to become the *Bellweather*, inventing false and scandalous Books against him. All which proved ineffectual.

6. This Damnable Design being likewise Defeated, seeing his Fame was like the Palm, [*Depressa resurgit*] the lower they labored to abase it, the higher it was exalted in the Hearts of all Loyal and True Protestants. The Jesuitical Consult (for there is Ground enough to believe, That out of that Quiver all the Bolts shot against him, were taken) change their Scene, and greedily snatch at a pretended Advantage for Committing this Noble Peer, together with the Duke of *Buckingham*, the Earl of *Salisbury*, and the Lord *Wearion*, to the Tower, objecting no other Crime, but Freedom of Speech, which hath ever been adjudged an undoubted and Essential Privilege of every Member of both Houses within the Walls thereof: And therefore the House of Lords, by whom He and the other Peers were committed in *February 1678*. Have had, upon the Occasion of the Earl of *Danby's* Impeachment, such a Sense of the Injustice done to this Lord, with the other, that they have passed an Order to damn that wrongful Proceedure against them.

7. This Project, with all the former, proving still unprosperous, and, through God's over-ruling Providence, rendered Abortive, Their Damnable Popish PLOT, which they had many years bin Hatchling, being now Discovered: and this Lord appearing, to them, most eminently Zealous for bringing those Vilanous Conspirators to condign Punishment, This is Crime enough in him for them to erect a new and another Scheme and Engine against him,

*Since the late Horrid PLOT that threatened more
Than Hell and Rome durst ere attempt before,
How Vigilant and active hath He been,
With Ardent Eyes to prevent all foreseen,
His Sovereigns to preserve, his Country Free
From Popish Cut-throats, and Papis Slavery.*

This was the Character then spoke of him.

Upon this and no other Provocation the Bloody Cut-Throat Papiſts design to Cut his Throat because he would not tamely suffer them to cut the Throat both of the King and of the whole Kingdom together with his own.

In order hereunto the Conspiracy was strong as that of *Abſalom* against *David*, 2 *Sam.* 15. 12. to murder his Majesty, Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey* and this Noble Peer, Justice *Arnold*, and all others that stood in the way of their Design for rooting out this Northern Hereſy (as *Celemin* called the Protestant Religion) in Deſpight not only of the Protestants, but also of Providence it self: to Declare all which distinctly would even fill a Volume: And, seeing so many large Narratives hereof are already extant, 'Tis enough here to touch some of the most Remarkable only: This Papiſts Grand-Conspiracy hath been Long as well as Strong, and High as well as Deep, yea and and Broad as well as Long; otherwise, A Sham Plot could never have been started in the year 61. as is discovered at large by Capt. *Farrington*, who was a great Sufferer therein, See pag. last. and of Three such early Designs against Mr. *Clepeol*, for which see pag. last. and *Fitz-Harris* could never have sworn, That his Ghostly Father *Gough* did really tell him in the year 1672. (as he deposed upon Oath) Of the Papiſts Designs to bring the *D.* of *York* to the *Crown*, for restoring of Popery, and of Killing the King to make way for it: and of his other Ghostly Father *Parry* (the Portuges Embaſſadour's Confessor) he deposed upon Oath likewise, how this *Parry* told him in the year 1678. That a Council of Roman Catholicks had Resolv'd, seeing the King had failed them in the Expectations they had from Him, He should now be Destroyed, and that the business was near, and he should soon see it done. As also, how the *Marquess Montecuculi* in the year 1679. Swore him first to Secrecy, and then offer'd him 10000 Pounds to Kill the KING, either by himself or by any other Hands. That this can be no Romance, but a Reality, The Publick Justice of the Nation, which hath Condemned and Executed so many JESUITS and others for this very Conspiracy, may be look'd upon by all as a sufficient and self Evident Demonstration: Though many more Proofs, concerning the Truth of this Treasonable Design, might be added: Yet one only more shall be mentioned, which indeed is *instar omnium*, to wit, the real Murder of Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey* (whereby, 'twas hoped, They had murdered their own Cursed Cause) meerly for making a RECORD of this their Damnable PLOT, which, They said, Would spoil it for the present, and force them to leave IT for another Generation to carry on; Whereby they would entail their own Devilish Principles and Practices upon their Posterity forever: And so, If GOD by his Providence do not CUT off the Entail, and cut off those Evil Doers also, our Nation can never be Safe, so long as the Papiſts are in it. I hope no man may now be so brazen-Fac'd as to say, The Murder of Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey*, as after, their Attempt on Justice *Arnold*, were Romances, seeing, 'Tis so clear as the Sun at Noon-day, That those Hellish Blood-hounds suck'd Justice *Godfrey's*

Blood: from which Two Premises 'tis undenyably inferr'd, That, If those Breathing Devils did dare to Design the Murder of his Majesty himself (whom GOD long preserve out of their bloody hands; as he hath hitherto done) and, who did dare actually and effectually to Murder that Worthy Justice (who Represented his Majesty, and whom his Majesty had oft honoured with Saying, He was his best *Justice of Peace* in his Kingdom, for no other Crime but for his Faithfulness in his Office, both to the King and his Kingdom, in Recording the *POPISH PLOT*. Now what daring Devil can have the Confidence or rather Impudence (the Truth of the aforesaid Propositions being taken for granted) to Doubt of, much less, Deny the Reality of the Romanists *RESOLVE* to Murder this Honorable Earl, merely for Standing in the way of their Damnable design, as they durst say, His Majesty and his Justices did. There is no Room left for questioning the Truth of this Red-Letter Resolution, especially considering How many Evidences are Extant, who (ALL) give their Testimonies upon Oath, How they were Contracted with, as well as Treated and Intreated, by the Lady *Powis*, and the Popish Lords in the Tower, to Murder This *EARL*, All this is put beyond all Doubt, by the Testimony of *Francisco de Faria*, and divers others of the Kings Evidences: and Mr. *Prance* doth Assure us, That no Fewer than *Six* Romish Rogues, to wit, *Adamson*, *Proser*, *Mattison*, *Branshaw*, *Stawley* and *Messenger*, all furnish'd themselves with Arms in pursuance of this Murder; and all swore they would Accomplish it: Yea, Mr. *Dangerfield*, in his Narrative more fully relates, How the Design was carried on by the Popish Lords in the Tower, and the Lady *Powis*, who, being at Liberty was to manage that mischievous Intreague, to have this *Noble Peer* Slaid; and that several were contracted with about it; but that two or three, upon that Ladies Importunity, and promise of a Round Reward, undertook it, yea he Confesseth also, that he himself was hired, by the *Popish Persons* aforesaid, to Murder this Lord with his own Hand, and was Tempted likewise to kill the King too, &c. to omit Mad-dame *Celiars* mad Attempts, whereof Mr. *Dangerfield* gives an Account at large in's Narrative, pag. 2, 3, 21, 22, 23, 37, 38, 41, 52, 53, &c. Much more of such like Testimonies might be mentioned, were they not obvious every where to every Eye, notwithstanding all these cursed Contrivances against the Life of this *Honourable Earl*, that the Devil himself could Devise, But the *Great God*, who is ever above the *Devil*, hath hitherto so marvelously protected this our *Engl^{ish} Mordecai*, from all the Vowed Revenge of these Haughty *Hamans*, that not any one (of the many Designs) against him hath yet Prosper'd, nor an Hair, of this *Noble Peers Head* hath yet perished, nor, we hope will do: He, who sits in Heaven, *Videt, Ridet, Looks and Laughs*, yea *Laughs* all their Hellish Labours to Nothing.

(8.) Now when all their Diabolical Bow-strings, though of the Devils own Spinning and Twining, were broken, and not one of the seven former would hold; they had yet a poor one, an Eighth left in the bottom of their Budget; whereof they Resolve to make, once more, another Experiment: They had yet one Card out of the Pack to play, a Coated Card, and no less than the *Knave of Clubs*; and if that would not prove *Trump* and *Triumphant*, then farewell their Game (not an Hitter but a Miiser) forever. Hereupon they shift their Sails to the Wind, bethinking themselves of a new and shorter cut (the *North-West* passage) to the *Gold Mines* in the *Indies*; they accounting the Ruin of this *Earl*, to be of equal Worth (to their Cause) with all the Riches, that both *East* and *West-Indies* afford: and this they endeavour to accomplish under the *Umbrage* of the *Law*, which hath always been called the Sanctuary of the Innocent; this was their last Game, and indeed a long Game; which lasteth still, and undecided who Wins: to wit, the Game of the *Sham-Plot*, that so by a false and feigned Plot, they might Sham the True and Real One, and turn it into a meer *Ridicule*: and indeed this is a Plot of Plots, a Big-bellied Plot, or a *Play* made up of many *Parts*; for if some do Reckon right, the *Meal-Tub Plot*, which is the Dam or Mother, hath already, through the *Popish Midwife's* Assistance and Influence, Teem'd and Tumbld out no less than *twenty several Brats*, or *Plots*, a goodly Litter make they all, and all so smartly and successively; the *Mother of Harlots*, like those Women in *Egypt*, is lively in her Travel, that they all but the last, that yet, for any thing we know, hath no Heels to take hold of: Take hold of one another Heels, and yet have all this Happy (God make it an Unhappy) Hit, to Involve this *Noble Earl*, and to Hitt him more or less, but especially the *Meal-Tub Plot*, wherein this *Peer* was principally Traded. Mr. *Dangerfield* give us an Account in his Narrative, pag. 30. that upon the Duke of *Yorks* returning from *Flanders*, the Lord *Peterborough* sent for him to give the Duke an account of this *New Presbyterian Plot*, to wit, the Abbreviation of the 4 Clubs for carrying on this *Sham-Plot*: wherein there is a List of all the eminent *Protestants*, who were feigned to manage it, and amongst the Rest, some that are Lords of his Majesties Privy Council, and of greatest Employ in the Government; as the Lord *Radnor*, the Lord *Hallifax*, &c. as well as the Lord *Shaftsbury*, &c. are accused of a Treasonable Design; yet in all this Mr. *Dangerfield* confesseth, he was but only the Lady *Powis's* Amanuensis, and Writ down the whole contrivance, as she was pleas'd to Dictate all to him, from a Model she had meerly Invented out of her own Addle and Idle Brain,

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yet this Abbreviation, he saith, was the very Original, Dictated by that Lady, which Sir *William Waller* found in the *Meal-Tub*: and he saith further, *pag. 33, 34.* That he was Instructed by the *Papish* Lords in the *Tower*, to Communicate the whole Intreague of this *Sham-Plot* to his Majesty, as if it had been a real thing, though indeed, as he says there, it was an absolute Falshood, and only a Story, contrived, and consented to in general, by the *Papish* Party, and intended for a Mask; hoping whilst the King, if he believed it, was securing himself against this pretended Conspiracy, the *Papists*, might have more time to move on with their own *Real Plot*; while they could possess his Majesty with any Belief of the *Sham-Plot*, and *pag. 35.* he saith also, That the Lady *Powis* gave him Instructions from the Lords in the *Tower*, how, he, being to wait upon the King, the next day, Must (before him) be sure to lay Load upon the *Protestant Lords*, let him know that the Lord *Shaftsbury*, &c. were Issuing out Commissions for Levying an Army to Reduce this Kingdom to a Common-Wealth, &c. And of the same Alloy was that *Pacquet* of Letters, writ by the Lady *Powis*, which the orders Mr. *Dangerfield* to Lodge in Colonel *Marsels* Chamber, and then upon searching and finding them, to lay *Treason* at *Protestants* Doors, *pag. 43, 44, 45, &c.* Thus those *Russians* are like the *Russians*, who are so Malicious to their Neighbors, that you will have a man hide some of his own Goods in the House of him, whom he hateth; and then accuse him for the stealth of them: Thus not only this, but their first *Sham-Plot* in 61. was manag'd by fifted Letters, as Captain *Tarrington* shews at large. And like *Hydra's* Heads, no sooner is one cut off, but another springs up in its stead; thus one *Sham-Plot* follow'd another. And Young *Tonge* comes and Swears, there was no *Papish*, but there is a *Presbyterian Plot*, *Lewes* and *Zeal*, Prisoners in the *Marshalsea*, are examined in Order to an Accusati against the *Earl of Shaftsbury*, &c. *Fitz-Gerald*, and several others, forbidden *Irish* Cattle; Deposeth upon Oath, against him and others, and many more *Sham Intreagues* followed.

*Resolve what's this, when each begets each other,
And still the Daughter bringeth forth the Mother.*

These *Sham-Plots* be, et one another, until they got this *Honorable Peer* into the *Tower* again upon the account of *High Treason*, Sworn against him by such Indigent and Mercenary men, whose Testimonies have been rejected in some other Cases, *God Grant him a good Deliverance.* This is the great Game the *Jesuites* are now playing with any probability of Success; for when they see the Daring Denial of their own *Papish* Priests will not do: they must make a Politick Diversion of it upon the *Protestants*; 'Tis the Master-piece of an Artift to conceal the *Arcanum* and Mytery of his Art: but these *Matchivillian Artifts*, hath undone all Craft-Masters in hiding their Craft, whereby they cannot only get their own Living, but also turn others out of the Land of the Living, either by their Bold and Bare-faced Lyes, *Witness*, their confident Denyals made by the *Traitors* at *Tyburn*, as *Gawen, Ireland*, &c. wherein they have been notoriously proved Lyars, and *Witness* their Impudent Pamphlets, as the *Compendium of the Tryals*, Writ by the Lord *Castlemain*, wherein Sir *Edmondbury Gosfrey* is represented *pag. 69.* an entire Friend to the *Papists*, performing as much service for them as Friendship it self could Suggest, had this Good Justice been so, his person had never been Murdered by their Bloody Hands, unless it must be granted, they are so Bloody as to Murder Friends as well as Foes, and, as if that were too little, they thus Murder him the second time in his Name, Fame, and Reputation, and they that dare do this to that *Worthy Knight* when Dead; what may it not be believ'd, they dare do to this *Honourable Earl*, while Living; The same Cause may expect no better than the same Measure of Mercylefs Mercy. *Witness* also, their other *Lying Pamphlet*, call'd, *The New Plot to transform*, &c. wherein *pag. 51.* 'tis said, That *Not one person*, accus'd in this pretended Conspiracy, so that *Author* calls the *Papish Plot* (the Reality whereof hath been most strongly Confirm'd both by three Royal Proclamations, and four Loyal Parliaments, and many Courts Condemning the Conspirators, &c.) either Fied or Absconded, save only the *Priests*, who were obnoxious to the Law, because of their *Priest hood*: Whereas 'tis notoriously known how many of all Ranks and Quality, either *Accused* or *Suspected*, have withdrawn themselves, together with those four *Irish Russians*, hired to Kill the King at *Windsor*. But above all, *Witness* that most *Profligate Pamphlet*, called, *A Letter to both Houses*, which casts a most Scandalous Slander upon his Majesty himself, *pag. 2.* [That though he be both most concerned, and hath had the best opportunities of examining the Discovery of the Plot, yet he is so far from believing it, that he openly Laughs at it.] Whereas the King in his Proclamation *Octob. 30. 1678.* calls the *Papish Plot*, a *Bloody and Traiterous Design* of the *Papish Recusants* against his own Person and Government, and the *Protestant Religion*, &c. and *Novemb. 20. 1678.* he Declares in a second Proclamation, [That the *Papish Priests* and *Jesuits* lurking within this Realm, have contrived many dangerous Designs against himself, &c. And in a third Proclamation, for a Fast, *March 28. 1679.* he Declares, That through the *Impious and Malitious Conspiracies* of the *Papish Party*, There is a *Plot* intended not

only to the *Destruction of his Royal Person, but also to the Total Subversion of the Government; and of the True Protestant Religion, &c.* Notwithstanding all this, and much more from his Majesties confirming his belief of the Plot; yet this Daring Devil Dare Reproach the King himself, and affirm, without Blushing, that his Majesty Laughs at the *Popish Plot*, as a *Fabulous and Romanting Story*: If those *Romish Voraries*, dare thus Scandalize his Majesty himself, who can wonder, if they do as much to this *Earl a Subject*. Now when the Conclave of *Jesuites* (or *Jebusites* rather) saw their Refuge and Subterfuge of Brazen fac'd Lyes, proved an ineffectual expedient; they had yet another shift, to wit, to start this *Sham-Plot*, wherein this *Noble Lord* must be wrapt up) to give the World a Delightful Diversion from Pondering and Plodding any more upon the *Real-Plot*; publicly making many mad Outcries, that the Church of *England* is in Danger, and an Hideous Buzz, That the Treasons of 41. was fresh on Hatching in 81, &c. when there was no ground in the World for any such Fears; but only a sincere Desire and Indevour after a vigorous Prosecution against themselves, the *Popish Traytors*. Thus the Crafty *Lapwings* draw the unwary Travellers from their own obscure and hidden Nests, by their Fluttering to and fro, and mewing out [Tewit] at a distance, and thus the *Newgate Birds* those Thieves, when pursued, hope off to escape, by Crying, *Stop Thief*, after honest men, than themselves. This Project of Forging a *Protestant-Plot*, hath been an *Intreague*, That not a little Promotes their Interest, and, for the present, Saves their Bacon, as well as serves their Design, for they are all safe enough from their due and deserved punishment for *Real Treason*, while they can Breach (a never so little believed) *Sham-Treason*, and so expose the Kings most Loyal Lords, &c. to that punishment which is Undeserved: and there is nothing more manifest than a Reticke and Implacable Spirit, they have discovered in Indevouring, by all ways and means to Subvert our Religion and Government; and for many years, have made unwearied Attempts to Accomplish it; and therefore now 'tis more than probable, all their *Sham-Plots* have been designedly contrived by themselves, and really discovered in the *Meal-Tub List*, principally to to prevent any further and fuller Detection of their own *Realities*; for hereby, they do not only discredit all belief of their own *Popish Plot*, but also cast the Odium and Dirt of their own Gilt upon *Loyal Protestants*; and so prevents all prosecution against the *Real*, by the *Sham-Plot*. Therefore this project was look'd upon as of mighty Consequence, and mightily Conducibile to the Catholic Cause, provided it were well manag'd, D. of T. *Memoirs*, pag. 8. And one Intreague of its management was, to spread reports in the *Coffee-houses*, that the *Popish Plot* was a contrivance of the *Presbyterians*, pag. 9. Another was, That the Promoters of this *Sham-Plot* should be very careful, lest they be caught in the Subornation of Witnesses, wherein no Money should be wanting, pag. 11. Another Project (Subservient to the main-Plot, and which needs no proof) was, to procure a Rabble of Whifling and Wheedling Pamphleteers; and Squint Ey'd Scriblers, dayly Spawning abroad, some to Redicule the *Real Plot*, and Asperse the Evidence; others to create *Jelousies* and foment *Animosities*, some to Ballance Accounts, making the *Dissenting Protestants* equally dangerous with the *Treacherous and Treasonable Papists*; though the latter be not only found faulty for *High-Treason* upon Records in many former Reigns, by Principles as well as by Practice, and are now in this Reign proved Actually Guilty of it. Whereas the former, besides their Contributing to his Majesties Restoration, have ever since studied to be quiet, and to live peaceably in the Land. And though there have been made some Happy and timely Discoveries of those *Popish Intregues*, as the *Meal-Tub*, the *Mercenary Bouteuse*, &c. yet 'tis Evident enough, how far those powerful Charms of their black Art hath still prevail'd to promote the *Roman Catholick Cause*, and in pursuance thereof, they at last procure this *True Protestant Noble Peers* Imprisonment in the *Tower*, in the Month of July 1681. Whereof the *Popish Fathers* both of *France* and *Flanders* did in June foregoing, certainly foretell, as being the true begetting Fathers of it. See in a pag. last. for being, pretendedly) a Traitor to his Prince, &c. which must presuppose, That he had many and great Abettors and Accomplices with him to carry on that Treason, Seeing it could not possibly be managed by his own single hand. This was purposely contriv'd, That the Buzz of this *Sham-Plot* might serve to Deaf the Sound and drown the Noise of the *True POPISH PLOT*, even among the Protestants themselves. And, 'twere well, If too many of them, especially such as have not thoroughly thinking minds, be not Bubbld into some Belief of the Truth thereof: Nor is this all, but they have also by their Charming Artifices, sown such Seeds of Dissention, betwixt the Church of *England* and the Protestant Dissenters, as New Feuds are started up to widen the Difference and Distance: Inasmuch That any Fervency for having a Parliament, that may punish the *Popish Plotters*, is presently branded for Hell-fire, for the Fire of a *Phanatick*, of a factious Fellow. and the Fervor of some frivolous and froward Foe both to Church and State, &c. Thus the Consult hath by this wicked Wile, gained a mighty Point, and indeed the Weather-gage, not only in weakening the Protestants by thus Dividing Them. but also in Slandering this *True Protestant Peer* and Patriot with Treason, and so Confining him. In the former of those Frauds, their Master is *Machiavel*, from whom were their *Pisfrudes*, such as, *Divide & Impera*; Divide and Conquer: and in the

the Latter, their Father is the Devil, John 8. 44. whose name *Διδάσκω* signifies a Calumniator, and, those his black mouth'd Brats are called *Διδάσκει*, 2 Tim. 3. 3: *False Accusers*, having there no better name than so many Devils, doing the proper Work of the Devil, who is the grand False Accuser of Good Men, Rev. 12. 10. yet so successful have been the False Accusations (without offence let them pass under that Denomination, till the contrary can be prov'd by a fair Tryall which 'tis hoped will discover their fullness of Falshood as well as of Malice) as not only to cast this Peerless Peer into the Tower, but also to Keep him there still, Notwithstanding Two Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, several Goal-Deliveryes have been since his Confinement in that Royal Prison: We cannot suppose, That his Majesty is so imposed upon, as to give Life to any of these Popish Intrigues (tho 'tis the grand Concern of all their Sham-Contrivances to force a Belief of the Truth of them upon him, as Mr. *Dangerfield* aforesaid testifieth: For He is (besides that Old Maxim, *Rex non errat*) a Prince of so much Prudence, Justice and Goodness, &c. Witnes his Gracious Act of Oblivion to obviate all Secular Suits, and his Gracious Declaration to compse all Ecclesiastical Differences (full of kind Concessions and candid Condescensions) upon his first Arrival: Witnes also that Royal Indulgence granted to Dissenting Protestants since his firm Settlement upon his Throne, & other Acts of Grace (that none nid justly fear any such hard Measures from himself, while he may act freely from his own Kingly Candor: yet King *David* himself (as the Scripture of Truth assures us) who was one of the best of Kings, and a man after Gods own heart, was made to believe worse of good *Mephibosheth* than he deserv'd upon the Misinformation of *Ziba*, that slanderous Sycophant, who being a false and faithless Servant to his Faultless Master, slandered him with most shameless and improbable Treason, as if that poor Cripple, his Master *Mephibosheth*, could look upon himself as a fit person to aspire at the Kingdom, especially at such a juncture when such a rout of Rebels had already chosen beautiful *Abshalom*, and had actually inthron'd him, highly applauding their choice: though this treacherous servant could meet King *David* with a couple of *Asses saddled*, &c. yet could not his good Master command him to get one Ass saddled for himself to go along with *David* in his Distress, 2 Sam. 16. 1, 2, 3, 4, with 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. No doubt *Ziba*, being but a Servant, had borrowed his rich Presents out of his Masters means, without *Mephibosheth's* Consent, & design'd thereby, together with his false Accusation, to supplant his Master, and wrest his Lands from him, as he also did; yea, 'tis not improbable, this Wretch would have been as ready to murder his Master (if the King had pleas'd) as he was to *Belee* him: However, *David* out of a Kingly Jealousy, did over-easily, believe the Slander of this self-hearted Servant and Sycophant, and did pass over-severe a Sentence (upon a single Evidence, the bare Suggestion of a Supplanting Servant against his own Master, in his Absence, and *Causa inaudita*) against innocent *Mephibosheth* the only Son of his dearest *Jonathan*, to whom he had so often swore a Never-failing Friendship: This shews, that the best of Men are but men at best, and expos'd to Frailties, interrupted, and so it may be said of the best of Kings, Its not Impossible but they may be imposed on by Misinformation: yea, when King *David* return'd again from Banishment, and heard *Mephibosheth's* Apology for himself, yet in his haste and hurry of weighty state Affairs) he did but revoke that former Severity, *Thine are all that pertained* to *Mephibosheth*, only to half part, saying, *Thou and Ziba divide the Land*, wherein he still confirms Half of the whole as a Reward to a perfidious Villain, who had undoubtedly deserved the severest Punishment. Hence the Jews say, That *David* for his Credulity to *Ziba*, that Flattering Claw-back, and for his Cruelty in breaking his Oath made with *Jonathan*, and thus dividing *Mephibosheth's* land, had afterward his Kingdom divided in *Rehoboam* his (Grand-child's) Dayes:

The Breast-plate of Righteousness is Armour of Proof against 1000 sharp Arrows (of unjust Reproaches) Shot against it. This Earl's Accusers (though they acknowledge his former Loyalty,) now look upon him as one that hath lost it, and hath taken up Disloyalty in its place; Hereupon they load him with louder and blacker Language than that of *Billingsgate* or *Bedlam*, by above 20 scurrilous Scriblers, all in their Pasquills Traducing his Person, misrepresenting his Conduct, and pinning notorious suspicion of Disloyalty upon him, &c. To this 'tis Answered, That he had a Loyalty even to an High Degree, is proved before, and owned by his very Adversaries here, That he hath lost it, they must prove, [*Affirmanti seu Actori, non Reo Incumbit probatio*,] the Proof lies at the Plaintiffs, not at the Defendants Door: If Railing Accusations be a sufficient Evidence, there's Proof enough of that Fry; if so, who can be accounted Innocent? However, their Master *Machiavel* hath taught them a Rule (which they, his apt Schollars, as well put into practice) *fortiter calumniare, & aliquid herebit*, Charge home with Reproaches, then something shall stick and stay; 'tis true, Dirt cast upon a Mud-Wall, may possibly stick, but it cannot do so upon Marble, and this *Scandalum Magnatum* (being *Morbus Complicatus, peccatum pragnans & Gravidum*, a big-bellied Evil) is the worst kind of Dirt (for sticking) in the World, far worse than that of the Cities Kennel; yet there is a worshipful Pasquiller, who (filling the City with a Litter of Pamphlets,) hath not cast a little of his own Filthy Dirt upon this Noble Peer, and no wonder, when he dare Arrest and Arraign a whole Parliament of Lords and Commons, yea several Parliaments, in

Conjunction with His Majesty, all confirming the Reality of the *Popish Plot*, while he turns it into *Ridicule*, and would make it a *Sham*, by Nursing a *Sham-Plot*: But to prove that this Lord hath not now lost his former Loyalty, there is Infallible Evidence, 'tis a Ruled a Case, when an *Adversary* becomes an *Advocate* (yet still remaining an *Adversary*, that makes an undeniable Testimony. The Evidence of a *Papist* against a *Protestant* is suspicious, as being supposed to spring from Enmity: betwixt them, yet that same Evidence against a *Papist* is Valid, for in that Case Enmity may not be supposed to be the cause of that Evidence, unless it be granted that *Papists* hate one another, as they do *Protestants*; but the Testimony of a *Papist* for a *Protestant* is of force, for there the power of Conviction may be supposed to over-power the power of Enmity: So in this present Case, may we but find an *Adversary* to this Lord to become an Advocate for his Loyalty, 'tis *instar mille Testium*, (as 'tis said of a good Conscience) as good a Witness, as if we had got a 1000 Witnesses, and to produce such a Witness, I must quote (in the first place, according to order of Dignity if not of Nature) the *Worshipful Observer*, Num^b. 36. Col. 4. Year 1681. where he makes his *Tory* speak once Truly, saying, [As to that Noble Lord Shaftsbury's constant Affection to the Crown, and his Lordships scrupulous Zeal for the maintaining of the Protestant Religion, there is nothing to be said against it.] What plainer proof for this Loyal Lords Loyalty, and for his constancy in it to this time (notwithstanding all those Sham Plotters Aspersions, and all the shabby Pamphleteers calumniation cast upon him to the contrary) can be produced to the Light and published to the World: *Habemus hic Rog. Reum, cum Rogerum Confitemem*. The *Observer* (himself is here become this Noble Earls Compurgator, and (his Conviction preponderating his Enmity) he is constrained ingeniously to purge him from all the pretended Dishonours of any present Disloyalty, yet (like himself) mincing the matter so far as to call his Care and Counsel for securing the Reformed Religion no better than a *Scrupulous Zeal*, as if himself could without *Scruple* as well as *Zeal* disclaim it forever; However he may pass very well for a corroborating Testimony (especially if being the Evidence of an *Adversary*) for the Loyalty of this Lord until this present year 1681. Nor do we want Witnesses (of the same Alloy) to confirm this Truth; For *Tom Tell-Troth* (a Pamphlet so called) comes forth and offers his Service (without *Bribe* or *Subornation*) to tell the Truth concerning this Earls Vindication, Testifying, [That the Earl of Shaftsbury is a stout Assertor of the Protestant Religion, which suffereth by the present Designs of the *Papists*, &c. Cum multis Aliis &c.] I cannot Assert that these two are two distinct Authors, (being both *Anonymous* or nameless) but sure I am they have two distinct Titles, *Observer* and *Tom Tell-Troth*, and why they may not prove differing Persons as well as differing Pamphlets, (seeing the former is ostenser *Tom Tell Lyes*, and feldomer the latter) I cannot observe: However, let them pass at this Time for a double Testimony of this Lords Loyalty, unless his stout Asserting the Protestant Religion, and his as stout opposing the Popish Designs can be branded with Disloyalty. As 'tis one part of the Bundle of Sham-Plots to run down this *Dorset-shire* Stag, by *Irish* Blood-hounds (if *English* cannot be had) who afterward must Fall upon the whole Herd, Therefore this double Testimony (taken out of the Evidence of *Adversaries*, and both supposed *English*,) may seem sufficient to secure this *Protestant Lord* from *Popish*, especially *Irish* Blood-Hounds, for there is Enmity *sublimae* in the case, no doubt but those *Irish* Wolves would worry *English* Sheep that are *Protestants* (seeing they Actually worried above an Hundred Thousand of them not long agoe in *Ireland*,) especially when they dare design to worry our *Protestant King*, (who is, *Vir Gregis, ipse Capere*, the Bell-weather of the Flock, how much more his *Protestant Lords*, both this and others.

Naturam expellas Furcâ licet, Ipsa Recurret.

The same Wolfish nature that Transported them into those Barbarous Massacres in *Ireland*, lies still lurking in them for the like opportunity (though Transported hither) in *England*, *Cælum non Animum mutant*, they change their Climate but not their Enmity: Take a Wolf, beat him black and blew, knock out his Teeth, cut off his Claws, and put a Sheeps-skin upon his back, yet will he be a Wolf still, and woe to those that make an experiment of it: Now suppose such *Irish* Wolves should prevail upon this Honourable Stag, whom they have long Hunted, yet the very *Observer* and *Tom Tell-Troth* (side Fellows with them) have Published it before-hand to the World, That they have worried a Loyal constantly Loyal Lord, and a stout Assertor of the Protestant Religion, which (with my Consent) shall be his Epitaph (if he fall by their hands) and let those two Pamphleteers have the Honour of it. So the other part of the *Tower* and *Press-Yard* Sham-Plots (which hath been above 40 months in Forging) is to Sham up a Protestant Plot, whereby the true Popish Plot may be turned into a *Sham* and *Ridicule* as before: Let us see how we can secure the Reality of the Popish Plot from being *Ridicled* by their *Sham-Plot*, and that by *Offensive Weapons* drawn out of their own Armory (besides those out of ours) as we have the Loyalty of this Lord by Weapons Defensive; For securing this, let *Roger L'Estrange* give (according to his place) the first Testimony, who saith, in his Letter to the Earl of Shaftsbury, That all true Protestants are sufficiently apprehensive of the Danger of Popery, &c. more plain is *Nat. Thompson*, in his *Intelligence*, Numb. 66. Y. 80. Col. 1. saying,

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saying, *There is a Printed Sheet lately Published, which endeavours to make the Plot a Ridicule, but in Truth it self is most Ridiculous, as are also all Discourses of that Nature, for it must needs be a most egregious Folly and unparallell'd Impudence in any person to insinuate the contrary, to what the King, Lords and Commons (the most Refined of the Age both for Prudence and Integrity Assembled in Parliament) have Resolved Nemine Contradicente; and to go about to suggest, that any False measures whatsoever could misrepresent things to their most sublime Intelligences.* Yea and the said *L'Estrange* in his Letter aforesaid, calls the Popish Plot an Execrable Plot, pressing the Kings Evidence not to grudge their pains in going to *Oxford* for making a full end of it.

The great Luminary of the Night never shines the less, nor loses it Lustre more, because it is sometimes darkned with a Black Cloud, and oft times hath the dirty Dogs to bark at its Splendour and Beauty: The Moon still Wades through every Cloud in her Course, and holds on her way notwithstanding all the Howlings and Bawlings against Her. When the Proto-Martyr, *Stephen* was Accused for being an Enemy to *Moses*, God made his Face shine, as he had made *Moses's* do so, to shew, that *Stephen* was a Friend to *Moses*, and not an Enemy, as the Priests Suborned Men, Witness'd against him, *Act. 6. 11. 13. 15.* What God, who Judgeth Righteously, may do yet for this, presumed, *Innocent Earl*, we know not, He may cause his Face to Shine, so, as that it may be made Apparent to the World; he is a True Friend to his Majesty, and not an Enemy, &c. May we be allowed to Foot any Fore-telling Conjectures concerning his Grand-Tryal from the Issue and Success of his late Tryal at the Kings-bench Bar this last Novemb. 11. It seems to be a good *prodesseque, pralibamen*, and preface of a greater and better Vindication and Deliverance: He was then and there Accus'd for taking Bribes when he was Lord Chancellor. This Indictment upon a full hearing was found an evil Practice against the Earl, and not a Bribe given; but a Purchase made by the Complainant, of a very great Bargain, for it was made to appear, That the Office conferr'd by this Noble EARL upon that Ungrateful Person, *Ingratum si Dixeris, omnia*, was worth near three times the value of his Purchase; Whereupon the JURY brought in their Verdict for the Defendant, and the JUDGES gave a severe Reprimend to the Plaintiff, leaving him to the EARL, who they said, had done nothing but was Legal, to be prosecuted according to Law, yea, and the people, as 'tis said, exploded him out of the Court. I both Hope and Desire, that his Impeachment for Treason, may have no better Success than his Indictment for Bribery.

This was but a poor-low Aftergame, and an Appendix of the great and grand Foregame, of confining him to Cut him off as a TRAITOR, both proceeding out of the same Popish Consults: That the greater did so, is as Legible, as if Writ in Capital Letters by a Sun-beam, being the Popish Fathers both in France, and in Flanders, told some Travellers, in their Journey Hither, about the latter end of June, that this Noble Lord, with many others, would be secured, before they could Arrive in England, yea they boasted to them of such success by this Project, as that, they doubted not, Mass would be Sung in the Churches of London, before Christmas next. Can there be a plain proof, that those Priests were the Plotters of this Plot, and those Ghostly, or Gusty, Fathers were the very Fathers which begot it, who (being so notably Inspired with a Diabolical Spirit) could so prophetically foretell in the foregoing Month June, what would come to pass in the following Month July, which was the Time of this Earls Imprisonment, when the most Quick-sighted, and of greatest Sagacity in London never Dream'd of any such Design, nor could have the least Apprehension that this Noble Lord, with many others, would so suddenly be Apprehended. 'Tis a Fine easy way of Prognostication for men first to Resolve the Destruction of Persons and Places, and having set their Engines at Work to Accomplish it, then undertake to foretel of those events: No doubt, those Satanical Seers foretold the Fate of this Honourable Person, as they did foretell the Firing of London, when themselves had concluded to effect it: Their Master, the Devil, foreknows nothing but what is in *Causis proximis*: And if the greater Engines came out so plainly out of the Popish Forge, no doubt but the Lesser and Latter did so: The Devil knows his Time is but short, Revel. 12. 12. therefore he plyes his Time, and Plays at Small-Games, such is this pitiful poor Game about the Bribery Indictment, rather than sit Idle; yet was there herein a Devilish Far-fetch: in using this little Wedge to make way for the great One, for could they have Succeeded in their slander for Bribery; They would have Murdered him for Treason with more ease to them, and less pity to himself. Thus the primitive persecutors, their Predecessors, first wrap'd up Christians in Beasts Skins, and then set their Dogs at them the more fiercely to devour them: I know the lying and flying Pamphlers lets flye at him to belve him.

(1.) With having an Hand in *stutting up the Exchequer*, &c. Answ. (1.) He hath great Compurgators, who affirm, he was the person that oppos'd it. (2.) Sir *John Duncombe* and He (being Commissioners of the Treasury in Conjunction with others) Meddl'd not (after this Act) with Disposing any of the Treasury-Money, but left all to the Lord Cliffords Disposal. (3.) 'Tis neither probable nor practicable (as to this Earl) That he should Effect that, which was the Cause of Creating the Lord Clifford, Lord High-Treasurer, &c.

2. In breaking the Tripple League, &c. Answ. 1. This Lord went not to the Interview at *Dover*, when

when and where (tis supposed) that matter was Discourfed, 2. Nor was he one sent Ambassador into France, where 'tis supposed that Affair was confirmed. 3. The French having the only benefit of that Breach, would have been obliged to become Faster Friends to him (had he been the Breaker thereof) whereas 'tis notoriously known, they have been ever since his *Implacable Enemies*.

3. In promoting the Dutch War, enforcing it with a Rhetorical Flourish [*Delenda est Carthago, &c.*] Anfw. 1. I shall not undertake to determine what Reasons of State were at that Time cogent for such an undertaking, such as sit upon the High Mount of Publick Authority can see farther than those privy Pasquillers (who bespatter him for this Fact) can see in the low Vally of their private capacities. 2. His Speech (wherein that Ciceronian Sentence was inserted) about that great Affair was first agreed upon by His Majesties Council, so, he was no more therein, than the Mouth of King and Council, as all Lord Chancellors are, who must speak according to their Instruction. Therefore those pickering Pamphleteers that sputter out their Slabber upon this Honourable Earl (for thus saying and doing) do not Reflect upon him only, but upon the King and Council, who instructed him, also. But suppose the worst, I never heard that this Noble Peer ever pretended to the Popish Doctrine of Perfection, but he will say of himself [*Homo sum, Humanum est errare, Humani a me nil Alienum puto,*] He is a man subject to like Passions with other men, Acts 10. 26. & 14. 15. The choicest Gold hath allowed it (by Law) some grains of Allowance, Solomon saith, *There is no man that sinneth not*, 1 King 8. 46. This is *Triste mortalitatis Privilegium*. Let him that is without Sin cast the first Stone at him, John 8. 7. I am afraid, in this Case here, *Clodius Accusat Machos*, Vice, of an higher form is correcting Sin of a lower: They make but bad Revengers of lesser Faults in others, who are stout Defenders of greater in themselves, when there is a Mote in his Eye there is a Beam in theirs, &c. Math. 7. 3. 4. 5. Though the High places be not removed, yet Asa's Heart was perfect with God, 1 King 15. 4. Asa's Infirmities God graciously covereth with a Mantle of Sincerity: but those Pontifician Fault finders (like Pliny's Lamæ or Witches, blind at home, but quick-sighted abroad) have got Galilean Glasses to descry Mountains in the Moon and some Moats in the Sun, to spy Faults in those far better than themselves; I am not without Hope, but God will bring forth his Righteousness as the Light, Pl. 31. 6 (the morning driv's away that Darkness which covers the Earth all the Night) and clear up his wronged Innocency: and if not sooner, however in the morning of the Resurrection, 'tis certain there shall be a Resurrection of Names as well as of Bodies: The Roman Cato was 32 times accused in open Court, and as many times cleared and Absolved; our English Cato hath oft been Accused and as oft Acquitted, and why may it not be so once more: Indeed Solomon saith, *who can stand before Envy*, Prov. 27. 4. This Lord hath stood before IT often hitherto, and may do so hereafter, while State-Mountebanks and Blood-sucking Sycophants, like the Foolish Flies, fly against this Candle (thinking thereby to dash it out,) but (indeed) they at last burn not their Wings only, but their own bodies also, and thereby go down into the Slimy Vally. Grounds of this Hope, are not only from His Majesties Gracious Disposition, which cannot be better expressed than in the very words of this Earl, when Lord Chancellor, at the Instalment of the Exchange-Chancellor, to whom he said *High places be slippery and dangerous, but he had this Comfort, he served a Prince under whom the Unfortunate fall gently*, but also from the Divine Majesties present Alwise and Almighty methods, in disappointing hitherto all the Damnable Popish Plots, as that in the year 1661. related by Captain Tarranton, to which I refer the Reader. and that some few years after, upon Mr. Cleypool, 1, to whom Treasonable Letters were directed as a Snare, which was happily broken by an immediate Discovery of them to the then Lord Mayor, &c. 2. Thinking him a person on whom any Reproaches might be fixed) about 6 years after Affidavits were procured from Mr. Wagstaff (Mayor of Gloucester) charging him with spreading Commissions for a Rebellion, all which upon Examination were found false and scandalous, and 3. since upon the Discovery of their Grand Plot, he was again clapt up close Prisoner in the Tower for designing to kill the King, that when themselves had done it (as they designed) he might be at hand in Hold to bear the blame of their Villany, but a fuller Detection hereof was his Acquittance, and so all along too long to relate here, God hath been seen in the Mount, and is so now in Discarding the Bog-trotting Evidence against this Earl acknowledged by Nat. Thompson himself, Numb. 73. and now in Captain Wilkinsons strange Information: wherefore the posture of all good Protestants must be (1.) *To be still*, Psal. 46. 10. (2.) *To Stand still*, Exod. 14. 13. (3.) *To sit still*, Isa. 30. 7. Papists feet shall slide, in Due time, Deut. 32. 35. and Protestants shall be exalted in Due time, 1 pet. 5. 6. *Veniat Veniat qui male Judicata Re Judicabit Dies, &c.*

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